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government. In spite of this defective formula the sociological point of view is not entirely neglected in the body of the work. On the whole, it was well worth while to place such a volume in the valuable series of which it forms a part, although the title suggests far more than the contents give. Within the restricted limits set at the beginning, the author has given the agricultural community a sane, trustworthy, intelligible, and inspiring book.

C. R. HENDERSON.

The Caroline Islands. By F. W. CHRISTIAN, B.A. (Balliol College, Oxford) and F. R. G. S., and Corresponding Member of the Polynesian Society of New Zealand. With an Introduction by Admiral Cyprian Bridge. Charles Scribner's Sons, 1899. Pp. xiii + 412, with forty-three illustrations and five maps and plates. \$4.

MR. CHRISTIAN is a man of letters, a humorist, and a humanist. He has had the leisure, the money, and the inclination to wander extensively through the islands of the Pacific, and has given a picture of the social and industrial life of the natives interesting to the general reader and valuable to the sociologist, and has introduced sections of importance to botany and philology. The writer is not a scientist by profession, and his interest was not centered upon any of the ethnological problems which might be studied to advantage in the region, but the volume is altogether superior to the ordinary narrative of travel. The illustrations are good.

W. I. T.

Murder in All Ages. Being a history of homicide from the earliest times, with the most celebrated murder cases faithfully reported, arranged under controlling motives and utilized to support the theory of homicidal impulse. By MATTHEW WORTH PINKERTON, Principal of Pinkerton & Company's United States Detective Agency. With sixteen illustrations. Chicago: A. E. Pinkerton & Co., 1900. Pp. xviii + 574. \$2.50.

IN the way of fiction there has been no lack of attention to the field in which the detective works, but heretofore the detective himself has not undertaken to give in a systematic way the results of his special knowledge, and the appearance of this volume, the first in a series on the